#### PROVIDER ORIENTATION SESSION

# Radiology Cardiovascular Pain Management

Aetna Better Health of New Jersey (Aetna Assure Premier Plus)





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# Solution Overview





### **Aetna Better Health of New Jersey Prior Authorization Services**

EviCore will begin accepting prior authorization requests for Radiology, Cardiovascular and Pain Management services on 8/18/2025 for dates of service 9/1/2025 and after.

#### **Applicable Membership**

- Medicaid
- AAPP

# Prior authorization applies to the following services

- Outpatient
- Elective/Non-emergent

# Prior authorization does NOT apply to services performed in

- Emergency Rooms
- Observation Services
- Inpatient Stays

Providers should verify member eligibility and benefits on the secured provider log-in section at:

<u>www.aetnabetterhealth.com/NewJersey</u> (ABH-NJ) https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/new-jersey-hmosnp/index.html (AAPP)



# Radiology, Cardiovascular and Pain Management

### **Covered Services**

#### Radiology

- Advanced Imaging
- CT, CTA
- MRI, MRA
- PET, PET/CT

#### **Cardiovascular**

- Cardiac Imaging
- Myocardial Perfusion Imaging
  - (SPECT & PET)
- Cardiac CT & MRI
- Echo Stress Testing (XSE)
- Diagnostic Heart Catheterization

#### **Interventional Pain**

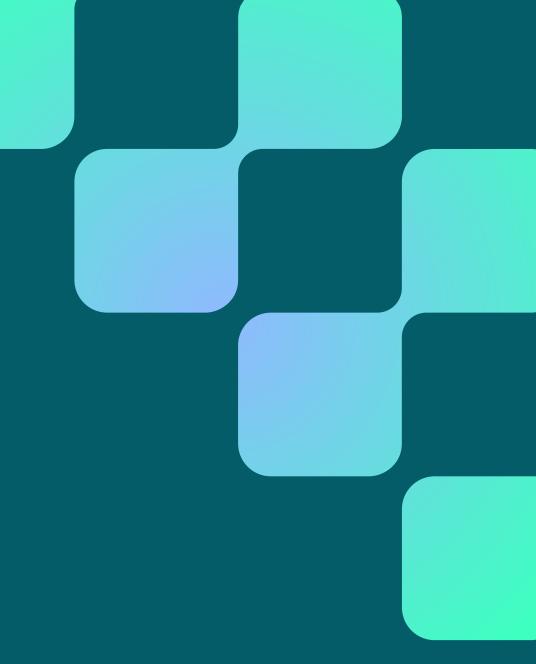
- Spinal injections
- Spinal implants
  - Spinal cord stimulators
  - Pain pumps

To find complete lists of resources including the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes that require prior authorization, please visit:

Aetna Better Health NJ Provider Resources | EviCore by Evernorth

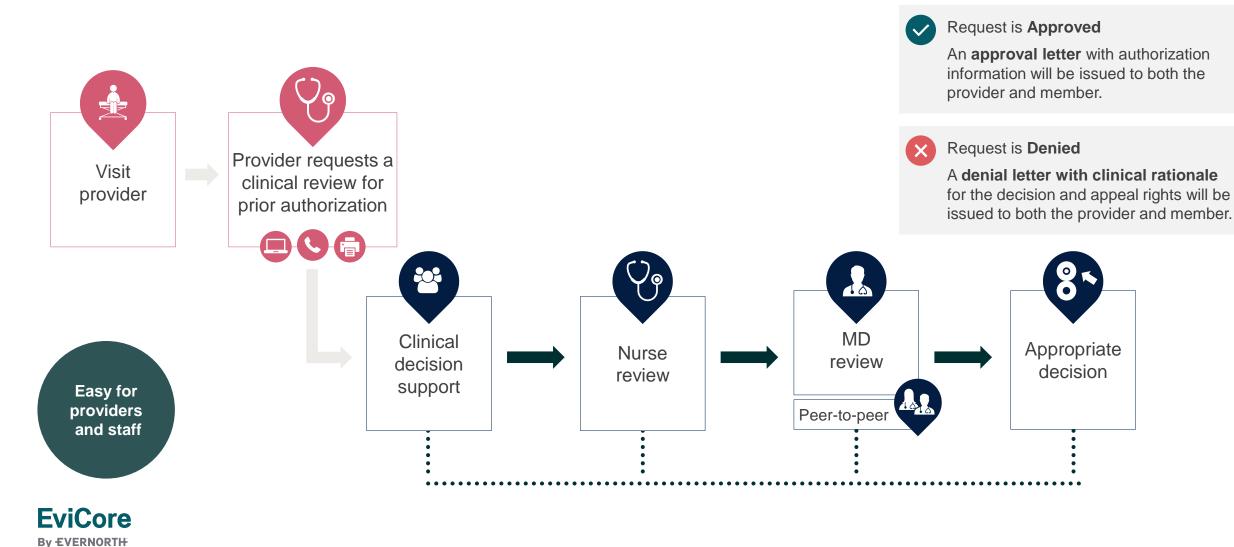


# Submitting Requests





### **Utilization Management | Prior Authorization**



### **How to Request Prior Authorization**

The EviCore Provider Portal is the easiest, most efficient way to request clinical reviews and check statuses.

- Save time: Quicker process than requests by phone or fax
- Available 24/7: Submit your requests anytime day or night
- Save your progress: If you need to step away, you can save your progress and resume later
- Upload additional clinical information: No need to fax in supporting clinical documentation, it can be uploaded on the portal
- View and print determination information: Check case status in real-time
- Dashboard: View all recently submitted cases
- Duplication feature: If you are submitting more than one request, you can duplicate information to expedite submittals

To access the EviCore Provider Portal, visit <a href="EviCore.com/provider">EviCore.com/provider</a>



Or by phone: 866-668-8295 Monday – Friday 7 AM – 7 PM (local time)

Or by fax: 800-540-2406



# **Necessary Information for Prior Authorization**

To obtain prior authorization on the very first submission, the provider submitting the request will need to gather information within four categories:

#### Member

- Health Plan ID
- Member name
- · Date of birth (DOB)

#### **Rendering Facility**

- · Facility name
- Address
- National provider identifier (NPI)
- Tax identification number (TIN)
- Phone & fax number



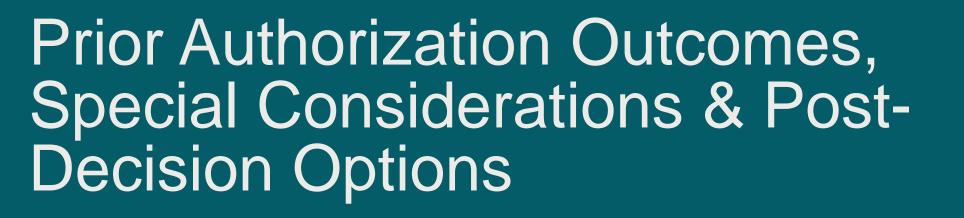
#### Referring (Ordering) Physician

- Physician name
- National provider identifier (NPI)
- Phone & fax number

#### **Supporting Clinical**

- Pertinent clinical information to substantiate medical necessity for the requested service
- CPT/HCPCS Code(s)
- Diagnosis Code(s)
- Previous test results







### **Prior Authorization Determination Outcomes**

#### **Determination Outcomes**

- Turnaround Time: Decisions on standard requests will be made within 14 calendar days from case submission. Urgent requests are processed within 72 hours.
- Approved/Partially Approved Requests: Authorizations are valid for 60 calendar days from the date of case submission. In instances where multiple CPT codes are requested, some may be approved and some denied. In these instances, the determination letter will specify what has been approved, as well as post-decision options for denied codes.
- Denied Requests: If a request is determined as inappropriate based on evidence-based guidelines, a notification with the rationale for the decision and post-decision rights will be issued.

#### **Notifications**

- Notifications will be provided to members and providers per state requirements.
- Approval information can be printed on demand from the <u>EviCore portal</u>.





Retrospective Authorization Requests



Must be submitted within 90 calendar days from the date of services (180 Days for MCR)



Any submitted beyond this timeframe will expire



Reviewed for clinical urgency and medical necessity



Processed within 30 calendar days



When authorized, the start date will be the submitted date of service





**Urgent Prior Authorization Requests** 



EviCore uses the NCQA/URAC definition of **urgent**: when a delay in decision-making may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member



Can be initiated on provider portal or by phone



Urgent cases are typically reviewed within 24 to 72 hours





Alternative Recommendation



An alternative recommendation may be offered based on EviCore's evidence-based clinical guidelines



The ordering provider can either accept the alternative recommendation or request a reconsideration for the original request



Providers have up to 5 business days to contact EviCore to accept the alternative recommendation





**Authorization Update** 



If updates are needed on an existing authorization, providers can contact EviCore by phone



If the authorization is not updated and a different facility location or CPT code is submitted on the claim, it may result in a claim denial





### **Medicaid Members**

# My case has been denied. What's next?

- + Your determination letter is the best immediate source of information to assess what options exist on a case that has been denied.
- + You may also call EviCore at **866-668-8295** to speak with an agent who can provide available option(s) and instruction on how to proceed.
- + Alternatively, select 'All Post Decisions' under the authorization lookup function on <a href="EviCore.com">EviCore.com</a> to see available options.



#### Reconsiderations

- + Reconsiderations must be requested within 5 calendar days from date of decision.
- + Reconsiderations can be requested writing or verbally via a Clinical Consultation with an EviCore physician.



#### **Appeals**

+ EviCore will not process first-level appeals.









# EviCore Provider Portal | Access and Compatibility

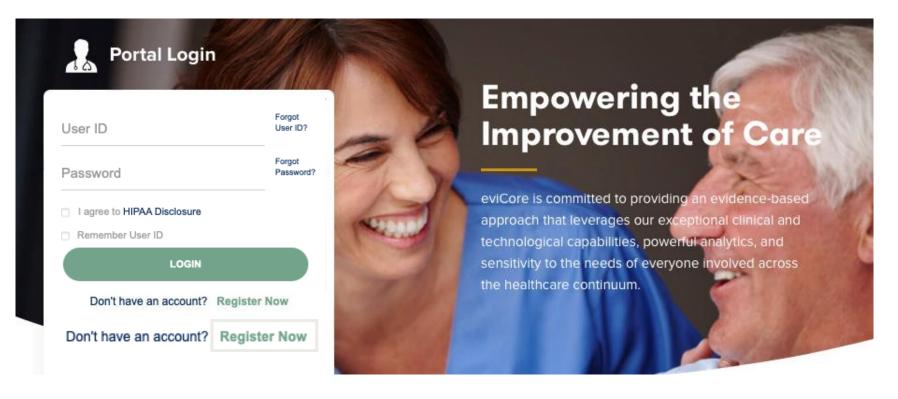
Most providers are already saving time submitting clinical review requests online vs. telephone

To access resources on the EviCore Provider Portal, visit EviCore.com/provider

Already a user?

Log in with User ID & Password

Don't have an account?
Click Register Now



EviCore's website is compatible with all web browsers. If you experience issues, you may need to disable pop-up blockers to access the site.

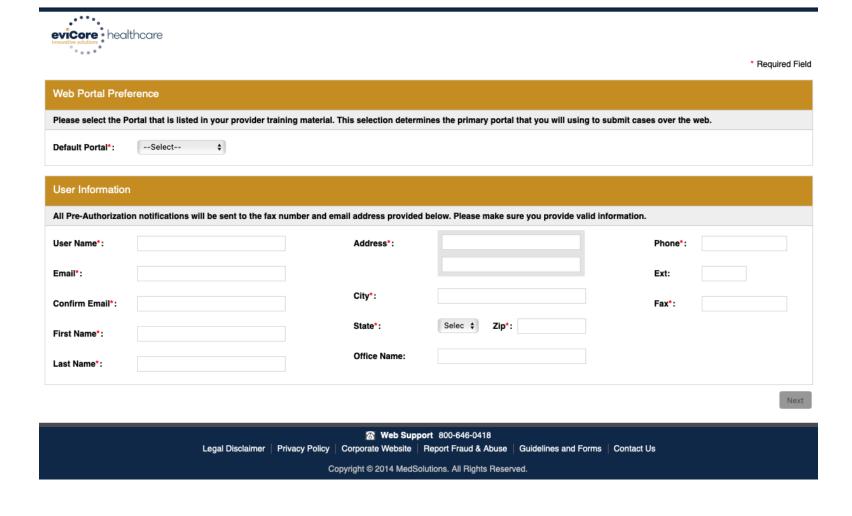


### **Creating an EviCore Provider Portal Account**

Select CareCore National as the Default Portal.

Complete the User Information section in full and **Submit Registration**.

You will immediately be sent an email with a link to create a password. Once you have created a password, you will be redirected to the login page.





### **Setting Up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)**

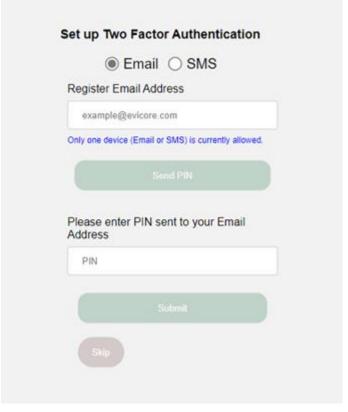
To safeguard your patients' private health information (PHI), we have implemented a multi-factor authentication (MFA) process.

After you log in, you will be prompted to register your device for MFA.

Choose which authentication method you prefer: Email or SMS. Then, enter your email address or mobile phone number.

Select Send PIN, and a 6-digit pin will be generated and sent to your chosen device.

After entering the provided PIN in the portal display, you will successfully be authenticated and logged in.





# EviCore Provider Portal | Add Providers



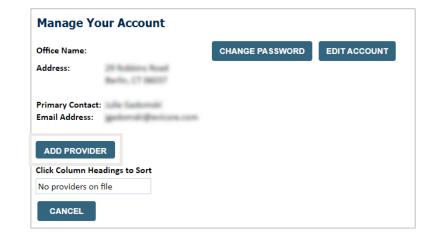
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# Providers will need to be added to your account prior to case submission

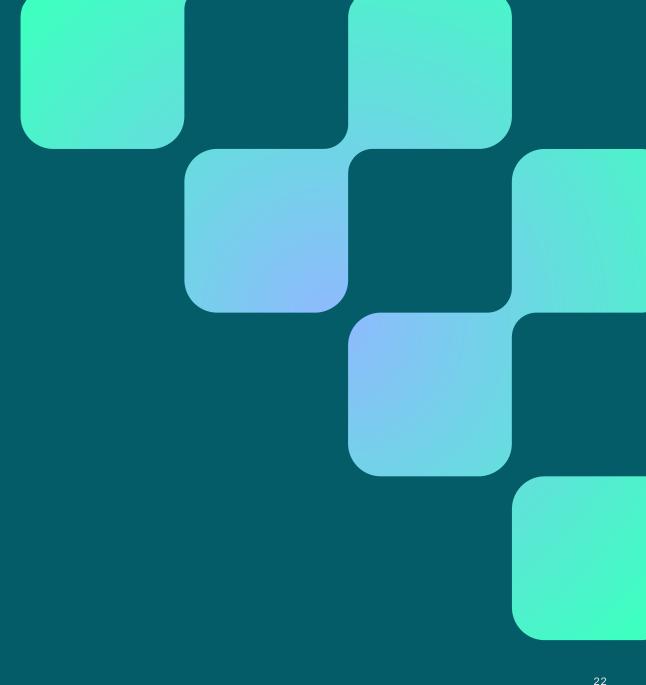
- Click the Manage Your Account tab to add provider information
- Select Add Provider
- Enter the NPI, state, and zip code to search for the provider
- Select the matching record based upon your search criteria
- Once you have selected a practitioner, your registration will be complete
- You can also click Add Another Practitioner to add another provider to your account
- You can access the Manage Your Account at any time to make any necessary updates or changes



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# Portal Case Submission





# Clinical Certification Request | Initiating a Case

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To begin, please select one of the programs below that are applicable to Aetna Better Health of OK.

- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Gastroenterology
- Lab Management Program
- Medical Oncology Pathways
- Musculoskeletal Management
- Radiation Therapy Management Program (RTMP)
- Radiology and Cardiology
- Sleep Management
- Specialty Drugs

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Click here for help

- Click Clinical Certification to begin a new request
- Select the Program for your certification
- Select Requesting Provider Information



# Clinical Certification Request | Search for and Select Provider

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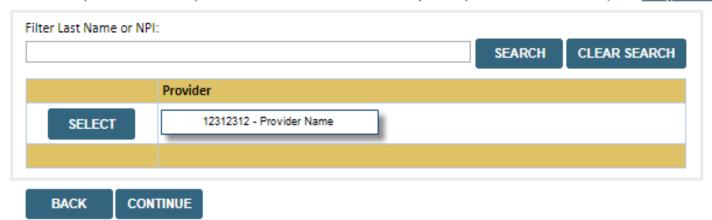
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#### Requesting Provider Information

Select the provider for whom you want to submit an authorization request. If you don't see them listed, click Manage Your Account to add them.



Search for and select the **Practitioner/Group** for whom you want to build a case



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# Clinical Certification Request | Select Health Plan

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Choose Your Insurer

Requesting Provider:

Please select the insurer for this authorization request.

Please Select a Health Plan

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 Choose the appropriate Health Plan for the request

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# Clinical Certification Request | Enter Contact Information

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#### **Add Your Contact Info**



- Enter the provider's name and appropriate information for the point of contact individual
- Provider name, fax and phone will pre-populate, edit as necessary

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# Clinical Certification Request | Enter Member Information

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# **Clinical Certification Request**

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## Enter Requested Procedure and Diagnosis

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Secondary diagnosis is optional for Radiology

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# Clinical Certification Request | Verify Service Selection

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#### Requested Service + Diagnosis

Confirm your service selection.

Procedure Date: TBD
CPT Code: 73721

**Description:** MRI LOWER EXTREMITY JOINT W/O

Primary Diagnosis Code: R68.89

**Primary Diagnosis:** Other general symptoms and signs

Secondary Diagnosis Code:

Secondary Diagnosis:

Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis

Change Secondary Diagnosis

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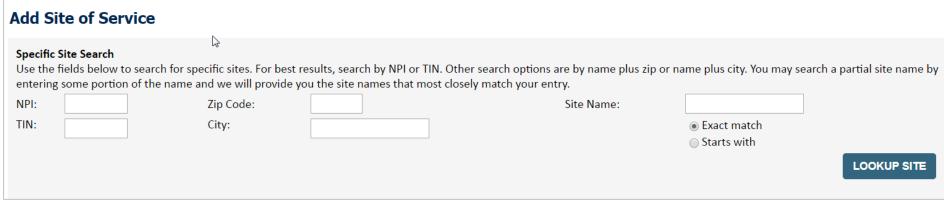
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- Verify requested service & diagnosis
- Edit any information if needed by selecting Change Procedure or Primary Diagnosis
- Click CONTINUE to confirm your selection



# Clinical Certification Request | Site Selection

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- Search for the site of service where the procedure will be performed (for best results, search with NPI, TIN, and zip code)
- Select the specific site where the procedure will be performed



Real-time decision

Request is complete



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#### **Proceed to Clinical Information**

You are about to enter the clinical information collection phase of the authorization process.

Once you have clicked "Continue," you will not be able to edit the Provider, Patient, or Service information entered in the previous steps. Please be sure that all I his data has been entered correctly before continuing.

In order to ensure prompt attention to your on-line request, be sure to click SUBMIT CASE before exiting the system. This final step in the on-line process is required even if you will be submitting additional information at a later time. Failure to formally submit your request by clicking the SUBMIT CASE button will cause the case record to expire with no additional correspondence from eviCore.

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- Verify that all information is entered and correct
- You will not have the opportunity to make changes after this point



# Clinical Certification Request | Standard or Urgent Request?

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#### **Proceed to Clinical Information**

Urgency Indicator If the case you are submitting is found NOT to meet one of the two conditions below, your case will be processed as a standards/routine, non Urgent request. If you have clinical information and this request meets the criteria for In order for eviCore to process this case as clinically urgent you must upload clinical documentation relevant to this case. If you are unable to upload clinical documentation at this time contact eviCore to process this case as urgent. Please indicate if any of the following criteria are true regarding urgency of this request . A delay in care could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient or patient's ability to regain maximum A delay in care would subject the member to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment requested in the prior authorization None of the above In order for eviCore to process this case as clinically urgent you must upload clinical documentation relevant to this If you are unable to upload clinical documentation at this time contact eviCore to process this case as urgent. Browse for file to upload (max size 5MB, allowable extensions .DOC,.DOCX,.PDF,.PNG): Choose File No file chosen UPLOAD

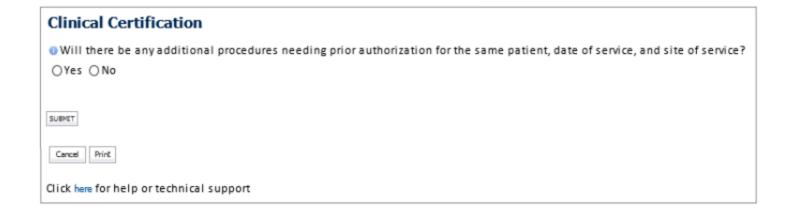


- If the case is **standard**, select **Yes**
- If your request is urgent, select No
- When a request is submitted as urgent, you will be required to upload relevant clinical information
- Upload up to **FIVE documents** (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format; max 5MB size)
- Your case will only be considered urgent if there is a successful upload



## Requesting Multiple CPT Codes

After you indicate the case urgency of the case, you will be asked about additional procedures. All CPT codes must be for the same program.





- Select YES to add Additional CPT codes.
- Enter one CPT at a time and select SUBMIT after each one.



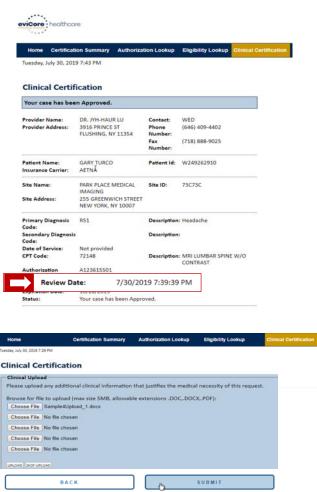
## Improved Provider Experience

# Real-Time Decision or Clinical Documentation Upload



\*In some circumstances, you may be asked to complete a series of clinical questions which may result in an immediate approval or a request for clinical upload.





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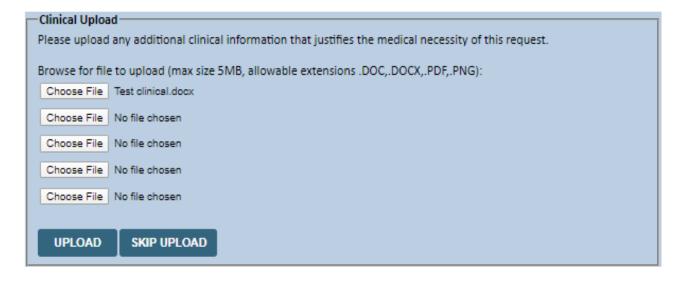
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#### Proceed to Clinical Information



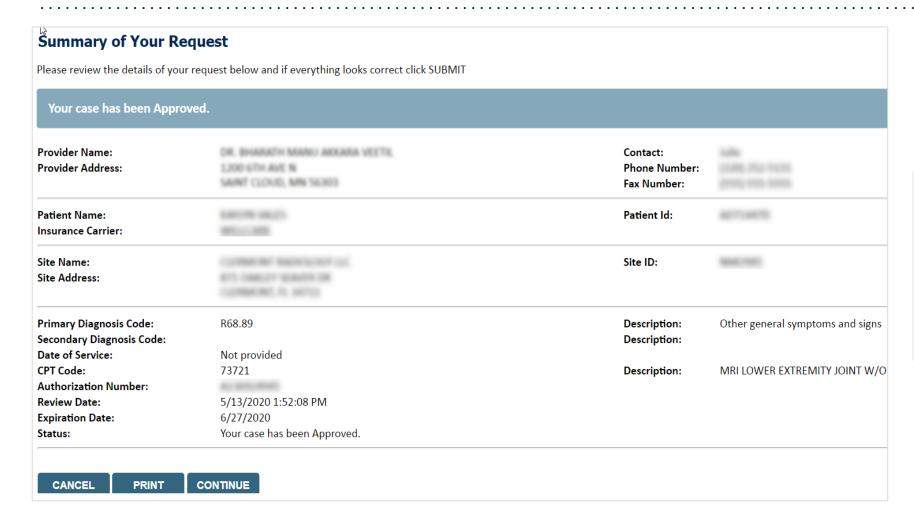
If additional information is required, you will have the option to upload more clinical information for review.

#### Tips:

- Providing clinical information via the web is the fastest and most efficient method
- Enter additional notes in the space provided only when necessary
- Additional information uploaded to the case will be sent for clinical review
- Print out a summary of the request that includes the case # and indicates 'Your case has been sent to clinical review'



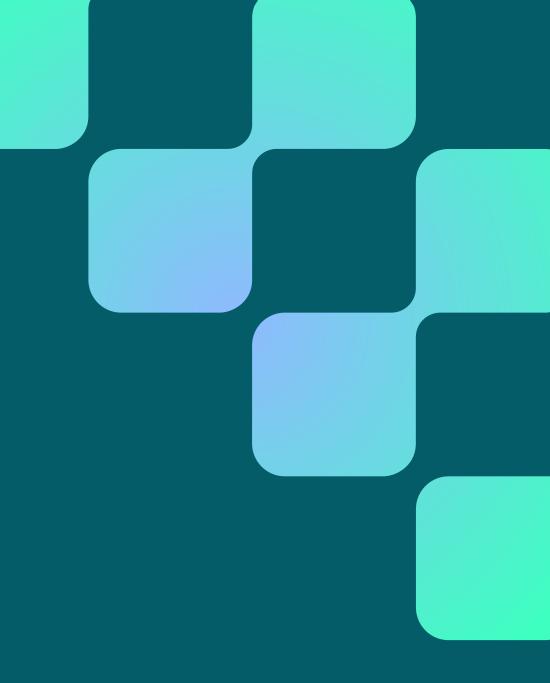
# Clinical Certification Request | Criteria Met



If your request is authorized during the initial submission, you can PRINT the summary of the request for your records.



## Provider Resources





## **Contact EviCore's Dedicated Teams**

#### **Client and Provider Services**

For eligibility issues (member or provider not found in system) or transactional authorization related issues requiring research.

Email: <u>clientservices@EviCore.com</u>

• Phone: **800-646-0418** (option 4)

### **Provider Engagement**

Regional team that works directly with the provider community.

Sara Vandiver - NY, NJ

Email: <u>sara.pomeroy@EviCore.com</u>

Phone: 804-814-4878

### **Web-Based Services and Portal Support**

Live chat

Email: <u>portal.support@EviCore.com</u>

• Phone: **800-646-0418** (option 2)





### **Call Center**

Call **866-668-8295**, representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.



## **Provider Resource Website**

EviCore's Provider Engagement team maintains provider resource pages that contain client- and solution-specific educational materials to assist providers and their staff on a daily basis.

### This page can include:

- Frequently asked questions
- Quick reference guides
- Provider training
- CPT code lists

To access these helpful resources, please visit:

https://www.evicore.com/resources/healthplan/aetna-better-health-nj

Reminder: Contact our Client and Provider Services team via email at ClientServices@EviCore.com or by phone at 1-800-646-0418 (option 4)



## **EviCore Provider Newsletter**

Stay up-to-date with our free provider newsletter

- +To subscribe:
- Visit <u>EviCore.com</u>
- Scroll down to the section titled Stay Updated With Our Provider Newsletter
- Enter a valid email address





### **Provider Resource Review Forum**

The EviCore website contains multiple tools and resources to assist providers and their staff during the prior authorization process.

We invite you to attend a **Provider Resource Review Forum** to learn how to navigate **EviCore.com** and understand all the resources available on the Provider's Hub.

#### Learn how to access:

- EviCore's evidence-based clinical guidelines
- Clinical worksheets
- Existing prior authorization request status information
- Search for contact information
- Podcasts & insights
- Training resources

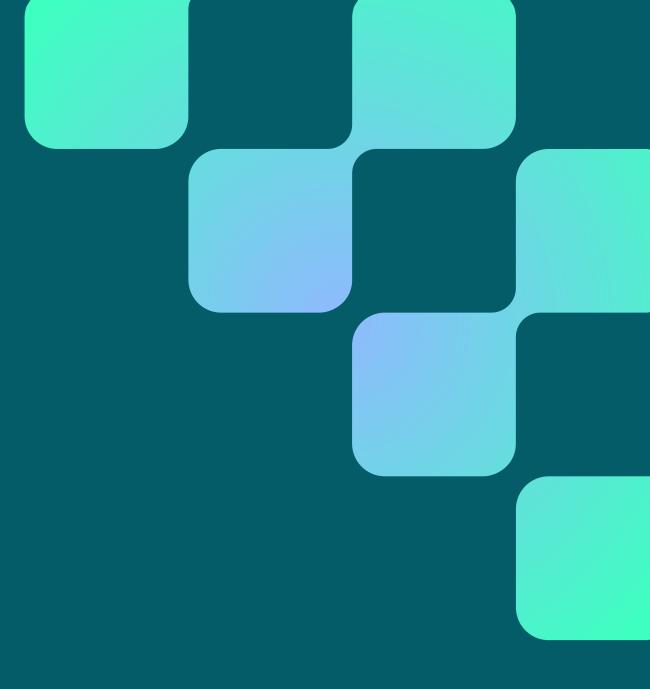
### **Register for a Provider Resource Review Forum:**

Provider's Hub > Scroll down to EviCore Provider Orientation Session Registrations > Upcoming



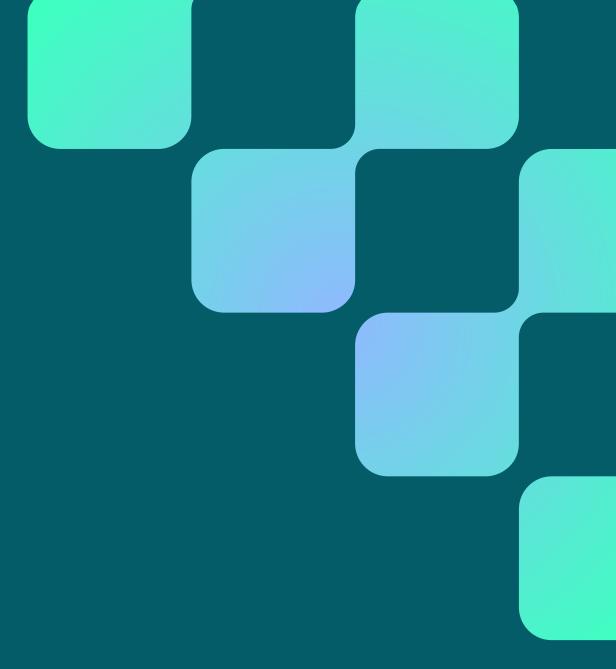


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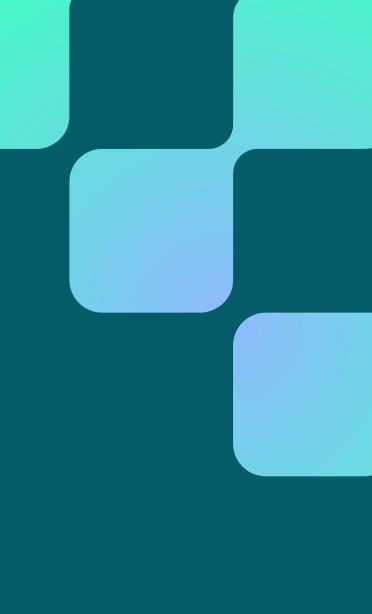


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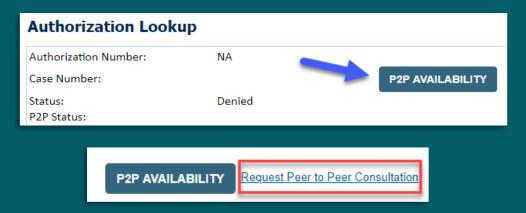
## Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Scheduling Tool





If your case is eligible for a Peer-to-Peer (P2P) consultation, a link will display, allowing you to proceed to scheduling without any additional messaging.

- Log-in to your account at EviCore.com.
- 2. Perform **Clinical Review Lookup** to determine the status of your request.
- Click on the P2P AVAILABILITY button to determine if your case is eligible for a. Peer-to-Peer consultation
- 4. Note carefully any messaging that displays.\*

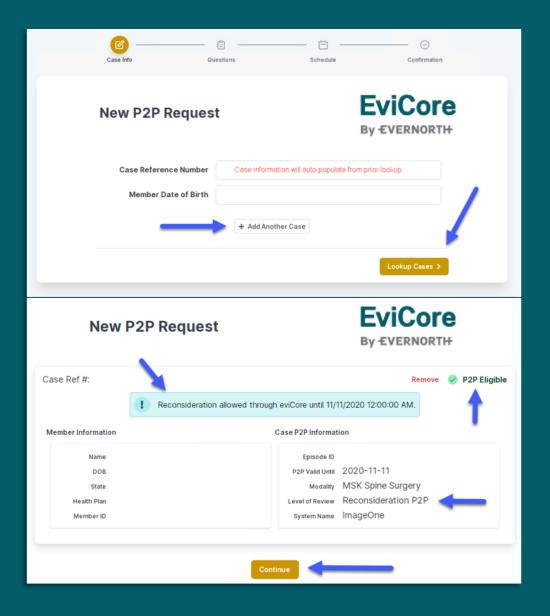




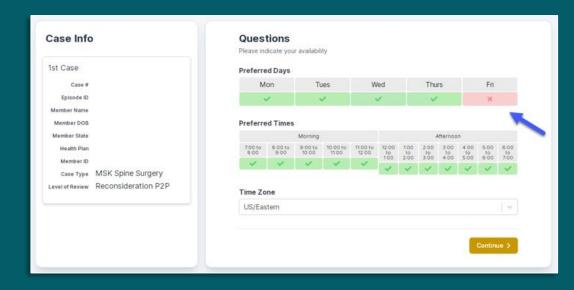
\*In some instances, a Peer-to-Peer consultation is allowed, but the case decision can not be changed. In such cases, you can still request a **Consultative-Only Peer-to-Peer.** You can also click on the **ALL POST-DECISION OPTIONS** button to learn what other action can be taken.

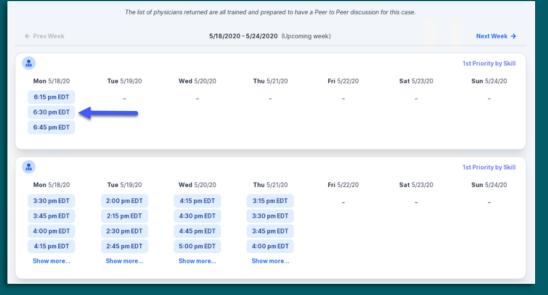
Once the **Request Peer-to-Peer Consultation** link is selected, you will be transferred to our scheduling software via a new browser window.

- 1. Upon first login, you will be asked to confirm your default time zone.
- 2. You will be presented with the case number and member date of birth.
- Add another case for the same Peer-to-Peer appointment request by selecting Add Another Case.
- 4. To proceed, select Lookup Cases.
- 5. You will receive a confirmation screen with member and case information, including the level of review for the case in question.
- 6. Click Continue to proceed.

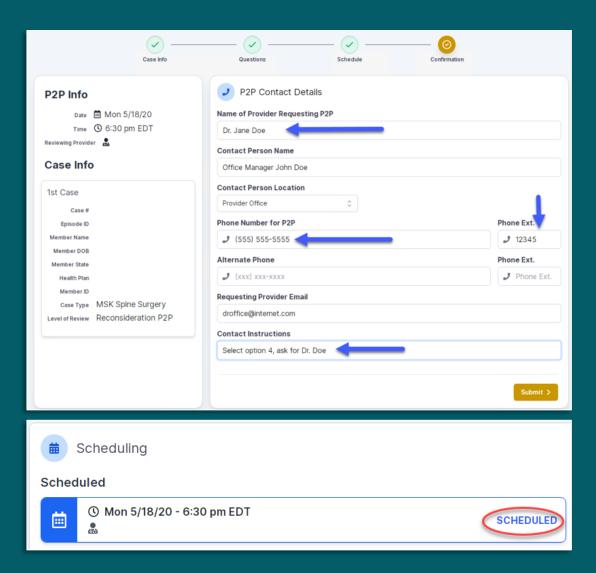


- 1. You will be prompted with a list of EviCore Physicians/Reviewers and appointment options.
- 2. Select any of the listed appointment times to continue.
- 3. You will be prompted to identify your preferred days and times for a Peer-to-Peer consultation (all opportunities will be automatically presented).
- Click on any green checkmark to deselect that option, then click Continue.





- 1. Update the following fields to ensure the correct person is contacted for the Peer-to-Peer appointment:
  - + Name of Provider Requesting P2P
  - Phone Number for P2P
  - Contact Instructions
- 2. Click **Submit** to schedule the appointment.
- 3. You will be presented with a summary page containing the details of your scheduled appointment.
- Confirm contact details.



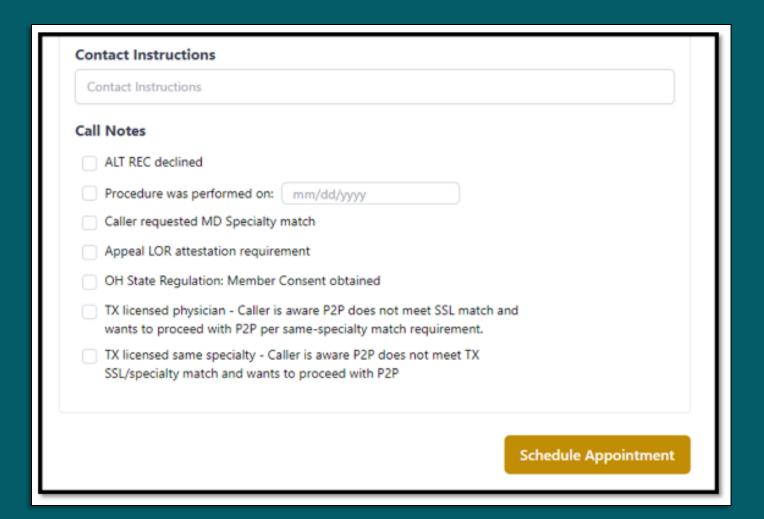
### **P2P Contact Details**

- Use the radio button option to select who will perform the P2P with the EviCore Medical Director.
- 2. Open fields will manually open to input the provider's first, last name, and their credential.



## **Call Notes**

- 1. Use the radio button to select options if applicable.
- 2. If "Procedure was performed on" is selected, then the date is required.



## Cancel or Reschedule a P2P Appointment

### To cancel or reschedule an appointment:

- Access the scheduling software and select My P2P Requests on the left-pane navigation.
- 2. Select the request you would like to modify from the list of available appointments.
- 3. When the request appears, click on the schedule link. An appointment window will open.
- 4. Click on the **Actions** drop-down and choose the appropriate action:
  - + **If choosing to reschedule,** select a new date or time as you did initially.
  - + **If choosing to cancel**, input a cancellation reason.
- 5. Close the browser once finished.

